

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 5-9 and 11-12 remain in the application. Claims 1-4 and 10 have been cancelled.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1 and 3-4 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Darby et al. (US Pat. No. 5,835,873) in view of Byon (US Pat. No. 5,847,472) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1 and 3-4 have been cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 3 on page 3 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 5-9 and 11-12 are allowable. It is noted that the Examiner has stated on the Office Action Summary page that claims 5-9, 11, and 12 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to claims 5-9 and 11-12 is solicited.

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In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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